

## Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 25, 1897.

WANTED TO SEE HER.

It wasn't Curiosity that Impelled Her, but Admiration.

She was a plain, wistful little woman who entered the office of a Chicago newspaper and said she wanted to see the editor. She apologized very humbly for jostling the elbow of another woman with blue glasses and irregular features who was writing rapidly at a small table at one side of the room.

"I don't want to violate any of the rules of your establishment," she said deprecatingly, "nor to ask any favor that you are not in a habit of granting."

"We will be glad to do almost anything we can for your except to print libelous remarks about somebody."

"Oh, I don't want anything published. I want to see about something that appeared last week."

"Do you wish to answer an advertisement?"

"No. It's something of an entirely personal nature, and I don't quite know how to tell it."

"Perhaps you might write it and let me read it," the editor suggested as he glanced at a heap of manuscript. "I could take plenty of time and read it slowly, you know, and then I'd be sure to know exactly what you mean."

"Oh, no. I'll tell it to you. What I want to do is to find out the address of the lady who writes the articles entitled 'How to Be Beautiful.' I've read every one of them, and I have taken ever so much interest in them."

The woman at the small table ceased writing and looked pleased.

"Do you want to write to her, or is it your desire to meet her individually?"

"I want to meet her face to face. I haven't anything to say to her. I just want to look at her. And I am afraid that that would be a little embarrassing to both of us."

The woman at the small table looked less pleased.

"You mean that she strikes you as somebody that it would be interesting to see, as a matter of curiosity?"

"No, I don't think curiosity is quite the word. I don't want to stare at her as if she were an exhibit in a museum. I want to stand in respectful admiration. I've tried some of her recipes for being beautiful, and, as you can see for yourself, they haven't produced any very remarkable results. But I've had so much else to do that I could not follow out the directions systematically, so I don't find fault with anybody but myself."

"I'd like, though, to see somebody who has made a life study of the art from an intelligent standpoint, and I don't know of any one so likely to have done so as the lady who wrote the article. She knows all about it. That's plain enough from the articles she writes, and I'd just like to feast my eyes on her for a few minutes. It would be a kind of an encouragement to keep on trying, and maybe I could force myself to go about it in a more methodical way and get some results, the same as she has done."

"Well," said the editor, arising from his chair, "your wish is a very easy one to gratify. But I'll warn you beforehand that the world is full of disappointments. Just step this way and I'll introduce you to—" But the woman with irregular features had vanished.—Detroit Free Press.

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Northern mails close at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 1:15, 2:50 and 8:30 p.m. Open at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 m. and 5:00 p.m. Southern mails via Charlottesville, close at 7:50 and 10:55 a.m. and 2:15 and 3:00 p.m. Open at 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Southern mails via Richmond, close at 1:00 a.m. and 3:13 and 8:45 p.m. Manassas Division mails close at 7:50 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Open at 10:00 a.m. Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 8:40 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Open at 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 2:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Open at 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Washington mails close at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 1:15, 2:50 and 8:30 p.m. Open at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 m. and 5:00 p.m. Office Hours—Open at 8:00 a.m. Close at 6:00 p.m.

**Carriers' Schedule—Collections made on inside routes—6:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. Full route—6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday collection 5:00 p.m. Carriers' window open Sunday 9:00 a.m. and close 9:30 a.m. Deliveries made 8:00 a.m., 12:00 m., and 5:00 p.m. All mail should be in office ten minutes before hour indicated for closing.**

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